incorporated outside Mysore State, but with their places of business located in Mysore. The number of persons holding auditors' certificates at the end of the year was 132 (115).

616. There were at the end of the year 738 societies registered under the Societies' Registration Act.

617. Under the Mysore Insurance Act 6, six (6) companies were registered and 72 (46) renewed their registration. The number of Insurance Agents licensed during the year was 4,155 (3,301).

618. The number of firms registered under the Mysore Partnership Act during the year was 121 (120), leaving 947 (831) firms on the register at the end of the year,

619. The receipts of the Department amounted to Rs. 43,822 (Rs. 37,441) during the year.

620. The debentures issued by the Central Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank, Ltd., Bangalore, were declared as approved securities for the purposes of Section 2 (2) of the Mysore Insurance Act XXII of 1939. The Public Companies Limitation of Dividends (Emergency) Act 1948 was extended by a further period of six months. The (Indian) Capital Issues (Continuance of Control Act XXIX of 1947) was extended to Mysore by the (Indian) Capital Issues (Continuance of Control) Amendment Act 1950. The Indian Banking Companies Act X of 1949 was made applicable to Mysore by the Banking Companies Amendment Act XX of 1950. The question of the Financial Integration of the Department of the Joint-Stock Companies and Insurance wtih the Government of India was under consideration.

(vi) Posts and Telegraphs.

621. During the year, Post Offices were opened in 5 headquarter towns and in 28 villages. Eleven Branch Post Offices were authorised to perform Savings Bank work and 15 New Branch Post Offices were also authorised to perform Savings Bank work.

622. No new telegraph offices were opened and 94 telegraph offices were functioning during the year.

(vii) Akashvani Broadcasting Station.

623. The programmes of the All-India Radio, Mysore, were made attractive and interesting. Outdoor broadcasts of important functions such as the civic reception to General

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Cariappa on 11th October 1949, the UNESCO Seminar on 2nd November 1949, the inauguration of the Bangalore Municipal Corporation on 8th December 1949 and the Special Convocation for conferring the Doctorate Degree on His Excellency Sri C. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General of India, on 19th December 1949 were arranged from Akashvani. Important programmes of All-India Radio were relayed from Akashvani during the year.

624. In addition to the usual vocal and instrumental music performances, special concerts by prominent musicians of South India were arranged during festivals and important occasions. Arrangements were made to broadcast talks and messages by the distinguished delegates to the UNESCO Conference and the International Labour Organisation held in Mysore. The inauguration of the University Broadcasts was one of the important measures undertaken during the year.

625. The rural programmes which were being held only once a week were increased to twice a week for half an hour a day on Mondays and Tuesdays with effect from 15th August 1949. The Women's and Children's Programmes' Section also organised several relays from Akashvani.

626. The " Tarangaranga " for the first fortnight of August 1949 containing the Independence Day special programmes was printed in an attractive manner with the emblem of the Asoka Pillar and the Dominion Flag in tri-colour. Several educational broadcasts were relayed from Akashvani.

627. The most important new feature was the introduction of Hindi lessons over the air five days in the week. " The Farm Question Box " which is a very popular one in the United States was arranged once a week. Questions relating to agriculture and other allied subjects were answered by experts. The latest scientific achievements, news bulletins of the Agricultural Department, market rates and weather reports and other subjects formed a regular feature of the programme. Indian Forum of the Air was planned on the lines of the American Forum of the Air and the Brains Trust. " Programme Parade " is a daily announcement of the programme broadcast by the B. B. C. explaining the day's highlights with illustrations of recording and narration. Arrangements were made to broadcast the programme from Akashvani once a week.